

MAY RECOGNIZE STRONGEST MAN IN MEXICO FIGHT

Pan-American Diplomats
are in Favor of This
Policy.

PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED

Latest Information on Situation Laid Before Meeting.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Secretary Lansing and the Pan American diplomats continued their efforts to solve the Mexican problem today at a conference in the Hotel Biltmore. The diplomats had before them the latest official information relating to the relative military supremacy of contending factions in Mexico.

Their accepted policy was that eventually the party which can demonstrate its superior strength and its ability to enforce a stable government shall receive support and recognition. There was no thought that this question could be settled at today's meeting.

ARREST TEACHER IN DYNAMITE PLOT

Held for Man's Death When
Bomb Wrecked Auto
to mobile.

(By Associated Press.)
GRAFTON, Sept. 18.—Frank Atkinson, prominent school teacher of Grainesville, Preston county, was arrested today at his home by Deputy Sheriff Jackson and two detectives, and is lodged in jail at Kingwood, charged with dynamiting the automobile of Charles Teets and killing Charles Strawser at Cransville three weeks ago. The preliminary hearing has not yet been held. Other arrests are expected.

Make Health Survey of Kanawha Valley

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 18.—Under orders from the United States public health service a survey is being made of the Great Kanawha valley by R. E. Tybert and Dr. T. R. Thompson, of Cincinnati. The survey at this time was directed because of the prevalence of typhoid fever in this valley. It is expected that the work of these experts will result in measures being taken to eradicate typhoid in this section.

Colorado River Has Flood Stage

(By Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Texas—Sept. 18.—The Colorado river fell six feet today at the Austin dam today and Austin lake showed a stage of 62 feet. Thirteen more feet of water was reported sweeping down the Llano river into the Colorado. Several flood gates have been carried away but the dam has withstood the pounding of driftwood and debris. Damage by the flood in the Colorado valley has not been extensive owing to abundant warning.

BABIES ARE NOW COMING DOWN HOME STRETCH IN FINAL WEEK

not later than nine o'clock. No person coming in after nine o'clock will be allowed to cast a vote. The contest closes at 9 o'clock, not 9:05 or 9:15. Check Up Your Votes.

All candidates are requested to check up their votes. If any errors are found, same should be reported to the Shower of Gold department not later than Friday noon in order that they may be corrected. If no errors are reported by noon Friday, it will be assumed that the published list is correct.

Get Extensions.

Candidates should secure extensions during the remaining days of the contest. Extension Subscriptions mean second payments from persons who subscribed earlier in the contest. If a person paid a six month's subscription and will increase same to a year or five years the additional votes will be allowed. If the subscription was "new" when it was first turned in, the "Extension subscription" will also count as new. If you are falling behind in the race, go to all of your friends who paid a six month's subscription and get them to extend it to a year.

Will Change Rules of Gas Production

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 18.—After tentatively agreeing with J. K. Anderson, chief engineer of the Public Service Commission, to various minor changes in the rules of the commission governing the production of gas in West Virginia, reports to be made to the commission of gas production, a committee representing the Natural Gas Association of West Virginia concluded its work here yesterday.

The commission did not meet with the committee and the report of Mr. Anderson will be made to the commission later. He declined to make public the changes proposed in the rules until the commission acts on them. The committee of gas men includes Edwin Robinson, of Fairmont, secretary of the association; J. R. Munce, Charleston; John W. Gates, of Pittsburgh; J. R. Trainer, Wheeling, and A. C. Corrin, Sistersville. The committee members say that the conference was very satisfactory to them.

COULTER ASSUMES DUTIES IN W. V. U.

New Dean of Agricultural
School Starts Organization Work

MORGANTOWN, Sept. 18.—Dr. John Lee Coulter, who was recently appointed dean of the College of Agriculture and director of the experiment station, has assumed the duties of his office and is now actively engaged in organizing the work for the coming year.

Dr. Coulter comes to West Virginia from the Knapp School of Country Life, at Peabody College, where he held the position of director. Most of his early college education was received in North Dakota, where he took his bachelor's degree in 1904 and his master's degree the following year. Following this he made a special study of land titles, deeds, abstracts, leases, mortgages, farm bank problems, and storage and the transportation storage and marketing of farm products. In 1909 he took his doctor's degree at Wisconsin University, specializing in farm problems. From 1907 to 1909 he instructed at Iowa State College of Agriculture, Wisconsin University, and the University of Minnesota. He remained at the latter institution as assistant professor of rural economics until 1910 when he became a special agent for the United States Census Bureau and for several years had charge of editing, arranging and publishing the agricultural division of the census figures.

Two years ago Dr. Coulter toured Europe as member and secretary of the United States and American Commissions to investigate and study rural credit and co-operation throughout Italy, France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and other European countries.

Dr. Coulter's book "Co-operation Among Farmers," published in 1911, is used as a standard text in many classes in farm management and rural economics. As special lecturer at George Washington University and through addresses at agricultural meetings throughout the United States, Dr. Coulter has become well known in many sections.

Two Concerns Can Raise Their Rates

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 18.—Orders have been entered by the Public Service Commission allowing the Wadestown Telephone company and the Consumers Electric Light company of Mannington to increase their rates for service. No opposition was introduced to the petitions. The Lewisburg and Ronceverte Railway company was given permission to discontinue freight service between Lewisburg and Ronceverte except in carload lots, the company agreeing to run a train for smaller shipments once each week.

WAR LOAN SPENT FOR MUNITIONS IS NOT FAVORED

Marked Difference of Opinion
Over Spending of Money.

HOLD SECRET MEETING

Allied Bankers and Financiers Try to Adjust Differences.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, September 18.—The two parties looking to the negotiations looking to the creation of a mammoth credit loan here to Great Britain and France met in secret again today in an effort to adjust the differences over the question.

"Shall the big credit-billion dollar or otherwise—provide funds for the payment of munitions of war as well as wheat, cotton and other commodities or shall a separate and distinct method be adopted in settling the bill for rifles, shrapnel, war autos and aeroplanes and other items coming under the meaning of the word munitions."

The Anglo-France financial commission which is conducting negotiations on behalf of Great Britain and France is said to want the credit to take care of munitions. The American bankers—or what appears to be a majority of them apparently do not. In their camps however there is marked division of opinion while the commission is reported to be unanimous.

One Man Killed in Gasoline Explosion

(By Associated Press.)
TOLEDO, O., Sept. 18.—One man was killed and heavy property loss sustained this morning when two cars of gasoline exploded at the plant of the Hickok Producing Company, manufacturers of gasoline. The explosion originated in a storage house of the Hickok company or in box cars loaded with bails.

It was felt two miles away. Night workers, still asleep, were thrown out of their beds two blocks away and thousands of panes of window glass were shattered within a radius of several blocks.

Fire broke out in the ruins of the wrecked storage house and in less than twenty minutes the debris was a mass of flames. Flying sparks also set fire to a train of box cars, which was destroyed. Several residences were damaged badly also by fire.

CROWDS GATHER FOR AUTO RACES

Rain of Last Night Came
Very Near Spoiling the Sport.

The automobile races scheduled for this afternoon on the Fairmont race track began at about the usual time, although there was some little delay in making the start. The rain of last night came very near spoiling the sport for today, but the track dried fast this morning and was in very good shape at starting time, although the racers will not be able to make the best speed.

Crowds began going to the grounds early this afternoon and by the time of the start, a big number of spectators had gathered.

Diggs' Funeral to be Tomorrow Afternoon

Funeral services over the body of Joseph Diggs, who was drowned in the Monongahela river yesterday morning and whose body was found this morning, will take place on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Diggs, on Madison street and interment will be made in Woodlawn Cemetery by Undertaker E. Musgrave and Sons. Services will be conducted by Rev. H. C. Howard, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The body of the young man was removed from the Musgrave morgue to his late home this afternoon.

DIES IN PITTSBURGH.

A message was received here today by Gus Schwarm announcing the death of his mother, which occurred in Pittsburgh after a month's illness. About six weeks ago Mrs. Schwarm's youngest son died and she had been in declining health since. She had been a guest at the home of her son in this city on several occasions and had many friends here who will learn with regret of her death. Mr. Schwarm and family will attend the funeral services.

WHERE GREAT GERMAN LINE IS TURNING TOWARD PETROGRAD.



SEARCHERS FIND DIGGS BOY'S BODY

Was Brought to Surface
With Hook Fastened to
a Long Pole.

The body of Joseph Diggs, Jr., was found in the Monongahela river this morning near the foot of Twelfth street and less than 50 feet from where the accident occurred yesterday noon.

Earl Davis caught the body with a hook fastened to the end of a pole and made of gas pipe 35 feet long about 7:30 o'clock while searching with three companions in a boat. The body was drawn to the surface and taken to the undertakers rooms of E. H. Musgrave and Son in Monroe street, where it was prepared for burial.

Stimulated by the offer of a reward of \$50 by Thomas Deveny for the recovery of the body, men and boys worked all night on the river with hooks fastened to long poles and with dynamite. Sixteen charges of explosive, including more than 200 sticks, were set off for the purpose of bringing the body to the surface, but without result.

After the unsuccessful use of dynamite, the search was continued with grappling hooks by several searching parties in boats. A half an hour before the body was brought to the surface, Davis and a companion in his boat with a pole five feet shorter than that used by Davis, noticed bubbles bursting on the surface while they worked the poles. The 30-foot pole, however, did not reach the bottom of the river, but efforts to snare the body with the 35-foot pole were at length successful.

The body was placed in a boat and taken to the war at the East Side end of the river bridge, where it was placed in the undertaker's black wagon and removed to the undertakers rooms. Preceding the finding of the body, preparations were under way for a long continued search. A house boat was being towed to a place where the accident occurred to be used as headquarters for the searchers. This boat has already been returned to its moorings.

Joseph Diggs, Sr., the father of the victim, had assisted in the search until a late hour last night, when he went to his home in Madison street west of Jackson street to comfort the grief-stricken mother and to get a short rest. He was on his way back to the river when a message reached him that the body had been found.

A huge fire of dry boards and sticks was kept burning all night on the river bank to afford light for the searchers at the long gruesome task. After each of the 16 charges of dynamite had been exploded the men would row about the water as the waves caused by the explosions subsided seeking the body in the dark shadows cast by the fire among the trees which overhang the river.

The searchers recalled the story told by Roy Dunn of his sensational adventure with alleged bandits whom he had declared had bound him and thrown him into the river from a high bridge near where the Diggs boy was drowned, after he had overheard a plot to dynamite the homes of wealthy residents of Fairmont. The story told by Dunn being later discarded.

The search during the early part of last night for Diggs' body was conducted with hooks fastened to ropes and trailed through the water, and it was not until hooks fastened to poles were used that any headway was made towards finding the body.

It is believed that the failure of the dynamite to bring the body to the surface was due to the small quantities exploded at a time. If the entire 200

18 FUSES FOUND ON SANT' ANNA

Fire Was Result of Attempt
to Destroy Ship in
Mid Ocean.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—In announcing today the arrival at the Azores of the Fabre liner Sant' Anna, from New York for Italy, American Consul Shultz stated that 18 fuses had been found on the ship, and that many explosions had occurred before she reached the Azores.

The substance of the dispatch as given out by the department follows: "Sant' Anna, Fabre line, arrived Thursday evening. About midnight, September 12, fire discovered in the twelfth hold, filled with general merchandise and baggage. Eighteen fuses found. Many explosions. Six hundred and five passengers, including women, children and aged, transferred to the Ancona, September 13. Ship expected to proceed with 1,168 passengers Friday or Saturday. All passengers safe."

It is thought the fuses were placed aboard in an attempt to destroy the vessel in mid-ocean.

Airman Establishes New Biplane Record

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 18.—Lieutenant Walter Tullifer of the army aviation corps established a new American duration record for a pilot alone in a biplane at San Diego yesterday, flying nine hours and 28 minutes. The old record, eight hours and 33 minutes, was established January 15, by Lieutenant D. Q. Jones.

5 TRAINMEN HURT; BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Cars Drop 50 Feet Through
Trestle of B. & O. Near
Parkersburg.

(By Associated Press.)
RIPLEY, W. Va., Sept. 18.—While hurrying from Parkersburg to this place to replace a derailed engine early today a wreck train on the B. & O. railroad went through a bridge spanning a creek near Ripley's landing and five of the nine men aboard were seriously injured. One, it was stated, would probably die. The engineer felt the bridge giving way as he passed its center and opening the throttle wide succeeded in getting across, but the four cars following piled up in the bed of the creek 50 feet below. A relief train was sent from Parkersburg.

Heavy Piano Crushes Minister to Death

FALETTEVILLE, W. Va., Sept. 18.—Rev. N. L. Meadows, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, at Mt. Hope, near here, was instantly killed when a piano he was having moved to his residence fell from the wagon and killed him. He was formerly located at Charleston. He was reassigned to the Mt. Hope charge by the conference recently held in Clarksburg.

The Weather.

West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania—Cloudy tonight and Sunday, with probable showers.

Temperature Today.

Recorded hourly at The West Virginian office.

A. M.	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00
	82	83	85	85
NOON	87			
P. M.	1:00	2:00	3:00	
	88	88		

VILNA IS INVESTED ON 3 SIDES; FALL OF FORTRESS EXPECTED SOON

Take Alleged Forger
to Indianapolis

Gabriel Keray, who was arrested in Fairmont sometime ago for forging money orders in Gary, Ind., and Joseph Veres, arrested in Philippi for cashing the money orders that Keray forged, were taken from the city jail at Grafton last night and sent to Indianapolis, where they will be tried for the offense at the next term of court. The date set for the hearing is November 2.

GERMANY ANNEXES OCCUPIED COUNTRY

Parts of France and Belgium Attached to Empire.

(By Associated Press.)
GENEVA, Sept. 18.—The Lausanne Gazette says it has learned that the German government has decided to issue a declaration annexing to the German empire occupied territory in France and Belgium. The Gazette says this measure has been determined on for the near future, because it now appears impossible that the war will be ended, as had been hoped, before winter.

According to this paper, the German government intends to organize the conquered territory from a political and administrative standpoint, which is expected to strengthen the German moral position.

Civil administration has been slowly replacing military rule in the occupied region and the Gazette continues, this process will be extended methodically.

Parkersburg Gets Improvement Idea

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Sept. 18.—The progressive people of this city have started a campaign to draw out the opinions of the citizens on the needs of the city, and among the suggestions sent in to the Parkersburg Board of Commerce are the following: A hitching yard for farmers; closer relations between the board and labor; public playgrounds for children; moral advancement for the city youth; street car fenders; railroad safety gates at grade crossings; a municipal incinerator for rubbish and garbage; removal of trolley posts on Market street; extension of the city limits; painting and repair of all old buildings; cheap fuel gas; oil and gas development; an attempt to locate here the United States District Court of Appeals; river improvements; extension of the water system; home buying and wider advertisement of the city.

Will Send German Army into Turkey

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Sept. 18.—A message from Constantinople and given out today by the Overseas News Agency quotes Inver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, as saying a great German army was to go to Turkey.

TO ATTEND SYNOD.

Hon. B. L. Butcher has been named delegate from the Presbyterian Church of this city to attend the West Virginia Synod of the Presbyterian Church which meets at Elm Grove near Wheeling, on Monday, October 18. Rev. H. G. Stoetzer will also attend the sessions of the synod as ministerial delegate. Several members of the Missionary societies of the Presbyterian Church will also attend the sessions of the synodical society.

W. C. T. U. WORKER DEAD.

FAYETTEVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Selma Moore Holman, for 15 years president of the Tennessee W. C. T. U., died today at her home here of appendicitis.

Sole Survivor of Monongah Explosion is Sent to Asylum

Michael Bobchalk, whom his friends say is the sole survivor of the terrible coal mine disaster at Monongah December 6, 1907, in which 358 persons lost their lives, was taken to the insane asylum at Weston today by Constable Harry Connors after having been adjudged insane by the Marion County Lunacy Commission several days ago.

Bobchalk was found in a dazed condition near a "load" hole leading out of the mine a short time after the explosion. With the exception of Bobchalk every man in the mine at the time of the explosion was killed. Bobchalk and his relatives have always persisted that he was in the mine at the time of the disaster and that he escaped almost by a miracle.

The destruction wrought in the mine by the force of the explosion, however, was so terrible that many of the mine officials declared it would have been impossible for Bobchalk to have been actually inside the mine and escaped with his life.

With the exception of Bobchalk, Joseph Newton, a negro, who was standing 50 feet from the regular entrance of the mine, was the only man directly affected by the explosion who escaped with his life. He was injured by the force of the explosion, suffering the loss of an eye and a finger.

For several years after the explosion Bobchalk continued to work in various mines in the Fairmont district, but his wife says that ever since the disaster he has been effected mentally. During the last two or three years he has been unable to work at all on account of his mental condition. Bobchalk is intensely religious and during recent years has devoted much time to reading the Bible and other religious works. During the hearing before the Lunacy commission he spent most of the time reading aloud from a small pocket Bible and apparently paid no attention to the proceedings except when questioned directly.

Witnesses at the lunacy hearing testified that for several weeks before he was taken into custody Bobchalk had frightened women in the vicinity of his home near Hoult by running about among the trees and bushes without clothing.